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**Mail Stop REISSUE**

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MULTIDIRECTIONAL ADAPTABLE  
VERTEBRAL OSTEOSYNTHESIS  
DEVICE WITH REDUCED  
SPACE REQUIREMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
IN A REISSUE APPLICATION**

Mail Stop REISSUE  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified REISSUE application. As the present application is for the REISSUE of a U.S. Patent, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 are superceded by the provisions of 37 CFR 1.173, which specifically provide for the form of amendment in reissue applications.